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Applicant : Sichmann, et al. Art Unit : 1724
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Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES WHEN
TRANSPORTING A LIQUID BY MEANS OF PUMPS

Mail Stop Amendment
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Reply to Office Communication

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 17, 2004,
Applicants submit the following:

- (1) A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment; and
- (2) A corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document, *i.e.*, the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicants' Response dated September 12, 2003. The corrected amendments to the claims (with a proper status identifier provided for each claim) are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.